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TAGS: ETRD, IT

SUBJ: ANTITRUST INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED HEAVY ELECTRICAL  
EQUIPMENT CARTEL

REF: STATE 72518, ROME 6139

1. WALLER RECALLS THAT UPON INQUIRY FROM DEPT, PROBABLY IN MAR OR APR BUT POSSIBLY MAY '72, HE DRAFTED CABLE REPORT ON VISIT BARBARA EPSTEIN AND HE HAD MADE TO FINMECCANIA FOR GENERAL BRIEFING ON COMPANY'S OPERATIONS.
  2. AS WALLER RECALLS CABLE, IT PROVIDED SOME DETAIL ON VISIT BUT POINTED OUT THAT MEETING HAD BEEN UNEXCEPTIONAL.
  3. EPSTEIN AND WALLER WERE RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC RELATIONS EMPLOYEE WHO PROVIDED GENERAL INFO ON FINMECANNIA AND CALLED IN AN ENGINEER TO ANSWER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. WALLER IS NOT CONFIDENT THAT THESE FINMECCANIA EMPLOYEES (WHOM HE MET ONLY ON THAT ONE OCCASION) WERE ABLE TO SPEAK COMPETENTLY OR AUTHORITATIVELY TO ANY INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PRACTICES THAT MIGHT AFFECT ITALIAN FIRM. AT THIS DATE WALLER DOES NOT RECALL THEIR NAMES, DATE OF MEETING, OR DETAILS OF CONVERSATION OR ANY ALLEGATION THAT FINMECANNIA WAS EXCLUDED FROM U.S. MARKET.
  4. FOR DEPT'S INFO, THIS IS THIRD INQUIRY WHICH EPSTEIN HAS INITIATED CONCERNING FINMECANNIA. IF DEPT CANNOT LOCATE WALLER'S CABLE IN CENTRAL FILES, IT MIGHT WISH TO
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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND CONTACT OFFICES WHICH HANDLED EPSTEIN'S

PREVIOUS TWO INQUIRIES. FIRST INQUIRY, WHICH PROMPTED WALLER'S  
CABLE REPORT, MENTIONED EPSTEIN INTEREST IN ANTITRUST AND CARTEL  
QUESTIONS AND DEPT MAY WISH TO CONTACT OFFICE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR SUCH MATTERS. SECOND INQUIRY WAS A TELEPHONE CALL TO WALLER  
AT FSI IN SUMMER '73 FROM A DEPT OF JUSTICE EMPLOYEE WHOSE  
NAME WALLER DOES NOT REMEMBER. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH  
JUSTICE EMPLOYEE WALLER DISCOUNTED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FINMECCANIA  
MEETING BUT MENTIONED AVAILABILITY OF CABLED REPORT AND SUGGESTED  
HE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COPY FROM OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS OR  
ITALIAN DESK.  
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